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In re Application of ABOUL-HOSN

U.S. Application No.: 10/521,028

PCT Application No.: PCT/US03/18644

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Priority Date Claimed: 11 June 2002 Attorney Docket No.: OMA004-US1

For: EXPANDABLE BLOOD PUMP AND

RELATED METHODS

DECISION

This is in response to applicant's "Petition for Revival of an International Application for Patent Designating the U.S. Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b)" filed 11 January 2005.

BACKGROUND

On 11 June 2003, applicant filed international application PCT/US03/18644, which claimed priority of an earlier United States application filed 11 June 2002. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired on 11 December 2004.

International application PCT/US03/18644 became abandoned as to the United States for failure to timely pay the basic national fee.

On 11 January 2005, applicant filed the present petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b).

DISCUSSION

Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), a petition requesting that an application be revived on the grounds of unintentional abandonment must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply unless previously filed, (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m), (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional, and (4) a terminal disclaimer if the application was filed before 08 June 1995.

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With regard to item (1), applicant has provided the required basic national fee under 35 U.S.C. 371.

With regard to item (2), applicant has provided the required petition fee.

With regard to item (3), applicant has provided the required statement.

With regard to item (4), because the international application was filed after 08 June 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is GRANTED.

This application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for further processing in accordance with this decision, including preparation and mailing of a Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) indicating that a properly executed an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497 must be filed.

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